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Delhi meet to take forward Hagen talks

3-Day Climate Convention Will See Release Of A White Paper On The Roadmap To Mexico

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New Delhi: The first major gathering of world leaders and climate change experts after the Copenhagen convention will take place in New Delhi from February 5 to 7.

The Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS) 2010, while establishing India's role as a serious world partner on the subject of climate change, will also see the release of a white paper on the roadmap to Mexico, where the 16th Conference of Parties (CoP) will be held in December 2010.

Building on the Copenhagen Accord that ended on an unsettled note in December 2009, world leaders, CEOs and the scientist community will meet at the three-day event to take stock of the achievements of the accord, what remains to be done and the manner in which the process must be taken forward in an ambitious, inclusive and progressive manner.



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Among other things, DSDS will also witness sessions on how a "legally binding

agreement" is essential for enforcing enhanced international action on climate change.

At the same time, this

discussion will also determine how such a document can potentially reinstate mutual trust and confidence of the stakeholder nations in the UN process and among one another.

Aside from climate change experts and intelligentsia from across the world, DSDS will see a large turnover of world leaders and CEOs, pledging their support to the green cause.

Delhi Sustainable Development Summit will be preceded by the world CEO forum, to be held on February 4, where over 100 head honchos from across the globe will discuss the role of the business sector in transforming the world economy and their stake in sustainable development.

The event will also mark the launch of the Vision 2050 project by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD).

Initiated by 29 members of the WBCSD, the vision document will enumerate the challenges and opportunities faced, along with answers to how the business sector will lead the world in the area of sustainable development.

DSDS will be inaugurated



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by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, while other world leaders attending DSDS will include Norwegian PM Jens Stoltenberg, Greek PM George Papandreou and Quebec Premier Jean Charest, among others.

As part of the debate on

sustainable development, the issue of climate change, on which the Indian government has worked actively, will also remain a key topic.

In this regard, Yvo de Boer, executive secretary of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Rajendra Pachauri, chief of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and minister for environment and forests Jairam Ramesh will also make their submissions.

While sustainable development and climate change will be among the subjects discussed through the event, some of the other themes that will be key to DSDS 2010 are emphasising on integrating climate objectives with development policies, enhancing fund-inflow into these areas and creating better access to technology in the fields of development.